On Wednesday, January 13, 2010, STARS Nashville in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Education, School Safety and Learning Support Services, will offer a state-wide training on SAFE DATES – an evidence-based curriculum for the prevention of relationship violence. This one-day training will provide you with the tools and the materials needed to help make significant impact on the lives of young people.

The cost for this training is \$50. This includes breakfast, lunch and a copy of the SAFE DATES curriculum.

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To register, please contact Anna Nichols, anichols@starsnashville.org.

Space is limited so please register today! (We will offer another training March, 3, 2010 as well.)

## An Adolescent Dating Abuse Prevention Curriculum

by Vangie Foshee, Ph.D., and Stacey Langwick, Ph.D.

Safe Dates is the only research-based adolescent dating abuse prevention program available today. Highly engaging and interactive, Safe Dates helps teens recognize the difference between caring, supportive relationships and controlling, manipulative, or abusive dating relationships.

## Safe Dates

- works as a prevention and as an intervention tool
- has strong outcomes even after four years
- is proven effective with boys as well as girls
- addresses both perpetrators and victims of abuse
- acknowledges that either gender could play either role

A follow-up study of students from 14 public schools in North Carolina found that, four years after implementation of *Safe Dates*, students who participated in the program

reported **56% to 92% less physical and sexual dating violence** than teens who did not participate in *Safe Dates*.

The nine-session curriculum, which can be delivered in as few as four sessions, includes

- reproducible handouts
- step-by-step instructions for each session
- a scope and sequence document
- a 45-minute play on dating abuse written by high-school drama students
- pre- and post-program evaluation tools
- parent resources
- a training outline for facilitators

